



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB6084**

Introduced 2/11/2016, by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 5/13

from Ch. 8, par. 363

Amends the Animal Control Act. Provides that when the Administrator, or if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator receives information that any person has been bitten by an animal, the dog or other animal shall be confined under the observation at a clinic or hospital, a government-operated animal control facility, or a boarding facility with trained staff that can recognize the symptoms of rabies for a period of 10 days. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Control Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 13 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 5/13) (from Ch. 8, par. 363)

7 Sec. 13. Dog or other animal bites; observation of animal.

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this  
9 Section, when the Administrator or, if the Administrator is not  
10 a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator receives information  
11 that any person has been bitten by an animal, the Administrator  
12 or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy  
13 Administrator, or his or her authorized representative, shall  
14 have such dog or other animal confined under ~~the~~ observation at  
15 a clinic or hospital, a government-operated animal control  
16 facility, or a boarding facility with trained staff that can  
17 recognize the symptoms of rabies ~~of a licensed veterinarian~~ for  
18 a period of 10 days. The Department may permit such confinement  
19 to be reduced to a period of less than 10 days. A veterinarian  
20 shall report the clinical condition of the animal immediately,  
21 with confirmation in writing to the Administrator or, if the  
22 Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator  
23 within 24 hours after the animal is presented for examination,

1 giving the owner's name, address, the date of confinement, the  
2 breed, description, age, and sex of the animal, and whether the  
3 animal has been spayed or neutered, on appropriate forms  
4 approved by the Department. The Administrator or, if the  
5 Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator  
6 shall notify the attending physician or responsible health  
7 agency. At the end of the confinement period, the veterinarian  
8 shall submit a written report to the Administrator or, if the  
9 Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator  
10 advising him or her of the final disposition of the animal on  
11 appropriate forms approved by the Department. When evidence is  
12 presented that the animal was inoculated against rabies within  
13 the time prescribed by law, it shall be confined in a house, or  
14 in a manner which will prohibit it from biting any person for a  
15 period of 10 days, if a licensed veterinarian adjudges such  
16 confinement satisfactory. The Department may permit such  
17 confinement to be reduced to a period of less than 10 days. At  
18 the end of the confinement period, the animal shall be examined  
19 by a licensed veterinarian.

20 Any person having knowledge that any person has been bitten  
21 by an animal shall notify the Administrator or, if the  
22 Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator  
23 promptly. It is unlawful for the owner of the animal to  
24 euthanize, sell, give away, or otherwise dispose of any animal  
25 known to have bitten a person, until it is released by the  
26 Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian,

1 the Deputy Administrator, or his or her authorized  
2 representative. It is unlawful for the owner of the animal to  
3 refuse or fail to comply with the reasonable written or printed  
4 instructions made by the Administrator or, if the Administrator  
5 is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator, or his  
6 authorized representative. If such instructions cannot be  
7 delivered in person, they shall be mailed to the owner of the  
8 animal by regular mail. Any expense incurred in the handling of  
9 an animal under this Section and Section 12 shall be borne by  
10 the owner. The owner of a biting animal must also remit to the  
11 Department of Public Health, for deposit into the Pet  
12 Population Control Fund, a \$25 public safety fine within 30  
13 days after notice.

14 (b) When a person has been bitten by a police dog that is  
15 currently vaccinated against rabies, the police dog may  
16 continue to perform its duties for the peace officer or law  
17 enforcement agency and any period of observation of the police  
18 dog may be under the supervision of a peace officer. The  
19 supervision shall consist of the dog being locked in a kennel,  
20 performing its official duties in a police vehicle, or  
21 remaining under the constant supervision of its police handler.  
22 (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.